

MNMM Fatal 2007-10

- Powered Haulage Accident
- April 25, 2007 (West Virginia)
- Crushed Stone Operation
- Truck Driver
- 65 years old
- 42 years experience

Overview

The victim was fatally injured when the truck he was driving drifted off a road, climbed over a berm, slid on its side, and rolled over a highwall onto a bench approximately 120 feet below. The victim was ejected and found 60 feet from the truck on an adjacent haul road.

The accident occurred because the victim did not maintain control of the truck; however, the investigators were unable to determine why he did not. The examination of the truck did not identify any defects. The victim was not wearing a seat belt, contributing to the severity of his injuries.



Causal Factors

- The truck driver did not maintain control of the truck he was operating.
- Management policies and procedures did not ensure that the truck driver wore his seat belt when operating the truck.

Best Practices

- Always wear your seatbelt.
- Monitor employees regularly to ensure seat belts are worn when operating mobile equipment.
- Ensure that pre-operational checks are conducted to identify and correct any defects that may affect the safe operation of self propelled mobile equipment.